



Clive Dorman flakes out after a hard day's climb in the jungle.

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# Babyboomers retake Kokoda

*A gung-ho former army major invites the fit to relive a famous episode in our military history.*

**T**HREE days before departure, there was still no visa, no evidence of organisation, no assurance that it would actually happen other than the loud, hearty commandments of former army major Charlie Lynn on the other end of the phone from Sydney.

"Don't worry!" he ordered. "Everything's organised!" Then a joke and a roar of laughter.



Grounded 50 years ago: a relief

arrived at Menari about an hour after the death of a young boy from cerebral malaria, the parasite's most virulent form. While we would have hospital gynaecologists and doctors on standby, needless dying is still a daily occurrence in Papua New Guinea's backblock.

Despite the gloom, and the loss of our colleague, however, a